

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.312. Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested to ensure proper protection of the claimed invention by correcting errors in the claims which were first introduced in an Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated August 11, 2009. The present amendment corrects minor typographical errors, and does not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

On July 27, 2009, the Examiner contacted Applicant's representative, Brian N. Fletcher to propose an Examiner's Amendment. Applicant's representative authorized an Examiner's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner was authorized to amend claims 1 and 4. Moreover, the Examiner was authorized to cancel claim 3. The resulting claims amended by the Examiner's Amendment contained several minor typographical errors with respect to the syntax of variables recited in claim 1. In claim 1, both occurrences of "b_{n-1}" are corrected to read "b_{n-1}" to indicate "-1" as subscript characters. Additionally, both occurrences of the letter "p" are corrected to read the greek character "p" (rho).

Claim 3 is canceled to reflect the agreed-to claim as discussed in the telephonic interview conducted July 27, 2009.

Claim 4 is amended to reflect the agreed-to language to make claim 4 dependent from claim 1 as discussed in the telephonic interview conducted July 27, 2009. Moreover, Applicant has replaced the language "wherein ..." with the remaining claim language to reflect the agreed-to claim.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments to ensure proper protection of the claimed invention. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims do not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to claims 1, 3 and 4.

Respectfully submitted,

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